

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MONROE
BENTLEY
LOEB
DICKINSON
MCDEVITT

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CONOVER
FRASIER
GIRARD
KENNY
MASON
STRAINER
TAYLOR
WOOD
JOHN STROUGH, QUEENSBURY TOWN COUNCILMAN, 3RD WARD
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Monroe called the meeting of the Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 10:17 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, Director of Real Property Tax Services, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Delurey presented a request for approval of the list of corrections to the tax rolls from the County Treasurer's Office; a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. She advised the majority of the Chargebacks and Refunds were re-levies which had been charged to the wrong parcel or assessor's errors. Mr. Monroe pointed out the largest Chargeback had been to Cellco Partnership in the Town of Chester which had inadvertently been assessed for several million dollars as opposed to several hundred thousand dollars. Ms. Delurey concurred and pointed out this Chargeback was resultant of an assessor's error. She explained the parcel had been assessed at \$8,476,800 and included a cell tower which required an adjustment to the Special District Tax that had not been included in the original assessment.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to approve the list of corrections to the tax rolls from the County Treasurer's Office as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 15, 2013 Board meeting.*

Ms. Delurey informed letters would be sent out to the second highest bidders on four of the parcels from the County Land Auction by the end of the business day.

Mr. Loeb said he had recently discovered that the water was not shut off for residents of the City of Glens Falls who failed to pay their water and sewer bills; instead the amount owed was added to

the residents' General Tax bills. Ms. Delurey confirmed this was a true statement, as sewer and water bills were re-levied onto the County and Town Tax bill. Mr. Loeb asked if this was a recent change in legislation and Ms. Delurey replied this was the standard of operation for most of the municipalities. Mr. Loeb asked if the unpaid re-levy of the sewer and water bill would result in foreclosure on the property and Ms. Delurey replied the City of Glens Falls handled their own foreclosure proceedings. A brief discussion ensued.

As there was no further business to come before the Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mr. Monroe adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist